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# Government of Madras.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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## G.O., No. 228 I., 18th June 1908.

**Dispensary at Thekady for the Periyar staff and workmen.**

The Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, directed, with remarks, to submit an estimate for a —, with the necessary outhouses and quarters, and a proposition statement for the requisite establishment.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

**Irrigation**
**Account.**

**READ**—the following paper :—

*Letter*—from A. R. DECHAZAL, Esq., Executive Engineer, Madura division.
*To*—the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
*Dated*—the 4th March 1908.
*No.*—178, S.E.

The permanent establishment working at Periyár and Thekady is composed of the following :—

*Eurasians*—
1 Dam Superintendent.
1 Sluice Superintendent.
2 Enginer-drivers.

*Natives*—
1 Upper Subordinate.
6 Sluice Lascars.
12 Regulator Lascars.
6 Steamer Lascars.
2 Watchmen.
2 Sweepers.
1 Telephone lineman.

Most of these men are married. Besides these we usually have contractors and coolies employed on odd jobs. At one and a half mile from Thekady, the village of Kumili contains a fairly large population of wood cutters and road coolies besides the Police, Post Office, Forest, Public Works Department and Toll-gate officials, not to speak of the planters and their large population of workmen scattered in the neighbourhood and the Maunaars, the jungle tribe which inhabits the neighbourhood. For three years we have had on our works a Hospital Assistant who has been assisting the sick who were in the Travancore territory. Last December after the bulk of the work had been finished, I dispensed with the services of the Hospital Assistant.

Since then Mr. Muller who is working under Mr. Murray in the Pambiar Investigation Party, lost a child and a few weeks ago, Mr. Johnson, the Dam Superintendent, also lost a child. Several other accidents have happened which could perhaps have been prevented if we had a medical man available. It seems very desirable that we should have a medical man permanently posted at Kumili or Thekady in order to attend to this large population. There can be no doubt that the Travancore Government is more interested than the British Government in keeping a medical man in that country. The population dependent on the T vancore Government in the neighbourhood is probably three or four times larger than that dependent on the British Government. In the interests of humanity the British Government would I presume pay half of the cost of a dispensary which could be established at Kumili. If it is inconvenient to supervise the Hospital Assistant's work from Trivandrum, he could be placed under the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Madura. Major Foulkes tells me that he would gladly look after him and Captain Harrison, our last Doctor, took great interest in Periyár fever.

I would suggest that negotiations be opened with the Travancore Durbar as to whether the Maharaja would consent to the establishment of a dispensary at Kumili. The British Government would pay a fixed sum to be settled once for all or from time to time. With medicines, compounder and a ward cooly, a small dispensary with two or three beds, the cost of the dispensary of the Hospital Assistant and establishment would be about Rs. 1 000 to Rs. 1,200, of which each Government would pay half, a year. If the building is erected by the Travancore Government, the dispensary would be established at Kumili, otherwise it would be built at Thekady. Kumili would be more central for all, as it is joined with Periyár and Thekady by a telephone line and the telegraph passes there. I request that you will be so good as to offer my suggestion to the Government.

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*No.* 149 *C.E.*, *dated* 17*th March* 1908.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. I think the arrangement proposed is a good one if workable. In this office No. 55 C.E., dated 31st January 1908, I proposed that a Medical officer should be permanently posted to the Periyár and should live at the site of the dam but on reconsideration I think it would be better to post him at Thekady or Kumili, and erect a small hospital at either of these two places.

J. H. Medlicott,
*Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.*

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**Order—No. 228 I., dated 18th June 1908.**

The Government are of opinion that the dispensary, being intended for the sole benefit of the Public Works Department employees on the Periyár works, should be located at Thekady on Public Works Department land and that the cost of its construction and upkeep should be charged to the working expenses of the Periyár system. The Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, will accordingly submit an estimate for constructing a small dispensary with the necessary outhouses and quarters and forward a proposition statement for a third-class Hospital Assistant and other requisite establishment in communication with the District Medical and Sanitary Officer.

(True Extract.)

C. A. Smith,
*Joint Secretary to Govt., P.W.D., Irrigation Branch.*

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Public Department.
" Financial Department.
" Political Department.

Forwarded to the

(By Order.)

*Deputy Registrar.*

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
(IRRIGATION BRANCH).

# NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 228 I., DATED 18TH JUNE 1908.

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[SUBJECT.—*Dispensary at Kumili.*]

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*From the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, dated 17th March* 1908, *No.* 149 *C.E.*

*Under Secretary—*

The papers may be forwarded to "Political", with the request that the views of the Travancore Durbar may be obtained on the Superintending Engineer's proposal to establish a hospital at Kumili.

S.D.
24-3-08.

Where are Chief Engineer for Irrigation's notes on the proposals of the Sanitary Commissioner for dealing with malaria at Periyár and Thekadi.

T. W. S. SMYTH,
24-3-08.

*Under Secretary—*

Please see linked file No. III.

S.D.
24-3-08.

For orders.

T.W.S.S.
24-3-08.

The proposal of the Sanitary Commissioner that a third-class Hospital Assistant should be stationed at Thekadi has already been accepted but as an alternative Kumili has been suggested. This establishment is entirely in the interests of the staff and the work people employed on the lake. The Executive Engineer, Madura, now points out that a medical man will benefit the inhabitants of Travancore more than the staff working under the British Government and suggests that Travancore should establish a dispensary to support which, we should contribute half the cost. Kumili and Thekadi are very inaccessible from Trivandrum.; Permaad, it is believed, is the nearest station of any importance and for other reasons I do not support the proposal. It is considered that the dispensary and staff should be supplied by this Government.

In view, however, of the fact that the dispensary will be of use to the inhabitants of Travancore, that Government may perhaps be asked if it is willing to contribute to the cost. The opinion of the Surgeon-General might be obtained.

H. E. CLERK.
27-3-08.

*To the Public Department u.o*

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

*Under Secretary*—

The Surgeon-General may be asked u.o. for remarks.

C.S.S.
30–3–08.

A. GALLETTI,
30–3–08.

J. N. ATKINSON,
31–3–08.

*To the Surgeon-General u.o.*

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OFFICE OF THE SURGEON-GENERAL.

I entirely concur in the opinion expressed by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, that the dispensary and staff should be supplied by, and be under, the orders of this Government. There can be no objection to asking the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Travancore to contribute to the cost and upkeep of the dispensary, considering that his subjects will largely benefit thereby.

P. H. BENSON.
1–4–08.

*To the Public Department u.o.*

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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

*Under Secretary*—

The case may be returned to the Public Works Department.

C.S S.
4–4–08.

Whether Travancore should be asked to contribute is for consideration in Political. As far as I understand the dispensary is to be in Travancore territory. Is it to be in a portion of Travancore territory which has been leased to this Government? If not the Durbar may be expected to object to this Government setting up a dispensary of their own in Travancore.

A.G.
6–4–08.

*To the Political Department u.o.*

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POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

There is no information here as to whether Kumili is in the portion leased to this Government. The Periyár lease * does not help us.

* In G.O., No. 1041, Political, dated 7th December 1886.

It is submitted that the proposal may be referred to the Resident for remarks.

V.S.M.
8–4–08.

Telephone over to Public Works Department and ask to put up a map.

A.G.
8–4–08.

*Telephone from the Political Superintendent, Chief Secretariat, to the Head clerk, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch.*

With reference to Irrigation u.o. 132 D., dated 27th March 1908, regarding the establishment of an hospital, Kumili, near Periyár, will you please say whether Kumili is in portion of Travancore territory leased to British Government and also send a map of the leased area if available.

V.S.M.
8-4-08.

*Telephone from the Head Clerk, Public Works Department (Irrigation Branch), to the Political Superintendent, Chief Secretariat, dated 10th April 1908.*

Reference your telephone of yesterday. Kumili is outside the portion of the Travancore territory leased out to the British Government. The map asked for by you is being sent to-day.

*Under Secretary—*

Submitted with the map referred to.

V.S.M.
11-4-08.

*Chief Secretary—*

The proposal in Public Works Department which has the support of the Surgeon-General that this Government should set up a dispensary in Travancore territory might meet with strong opposition from the Durbar. Submitted that it will be better to ask the Durbar to set up a dispensary, to which this Government would contribute, or in the alternative to permit this Government to set up a dispensary to which the Durbar might contribute, *i.e.*, leave it to the Durbar to choose.

A.G.
11-4-08.

There would almost certainly be objections to the location of a British dispensary in Travancore territory, and complications might arise in the future. Kumili is apparently on the very border of British territory: is it not possible to get a suitable site within the British boundary? will Public Works Department please consider further?

J. N. ATKINSON.
3-4-08.

*To the Public Works (Irrigation) Department u.o.*

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PUBLIC WORKS (IRRIGATION) DEPARTMENT.

*Under Secretary—*

The Executive Engineer, Madura Division, proposed that a dispensary should be established at Kumili if the Travancore Government would undertake to erect a building for the purpose and pay half the cost of maintenance, the British Government contributing the other half and that if this arrangement should fail, the hospital should be built at Thekadi by the British Government. The Executive Engineer selected Kumili, because of its central position and if the Travancore Government should not agree to establish a dispensary at that place on the condition stated by the Executive Engineer, Thekadi would be the alternative station. Before, however, coming to any decision on the subject, it is submitted that the Political Department may be requested to obtain the views of the Travancore Government.

S.D.
21-4-08.

Thekadi is, it is believed, in Travancore ; but under the agreement with the Durbar 100 acres outside the Periyar water-spread has been transferred to Madras. The dispensary would be located within this 100 acres.

T.W.S.S.
23-4-08.

Please see if there is no map showing more distinctly the extra 100 acres ; but meantime Political may be informed that the dispensary would be located within the 100 acres if practicable and if not Travancore might be asked to give a suitable site under the same condition as the rest of the lease area.

C. A. SMITH.
27-4-08.

Two tracings put up showing the land. Only a small portion of the land is occupied, the total area demarcated is calculated at 81·88 acres some of which is within the 155 contour, viz., the island at Periyar between the dam and the surplus escape.

T.W.S.S.
1-5-08.

It appears from the above that we are at present occupying only 82 acres out of the 100 acres above the 155 contour to which we are entitled.

If, therefore, we cannot select a suitable site for the dispensary at Thekady within the 82 acres, we can ask for one against the 18 acres still due. Anyhow, I agree that we should be able to arrange for a site without difficulties being raised by Travancore.

C.A.S.
1-5-08.

*Political Department u.o.*

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POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Public Works Department apparently want a dispensary to be located only within the leased area. Then the question is whether the Travancore may now be asked to contribute half the cost.

V.S.M.
4-5-08.

Submitted that Political need not raise any objection to the present proposals.

A.G.
4-5-08.

I agree with the Under Secretary.

J. N. ATKINSON.
5-5-08.

*Public Works Department u.o.*

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
(IRRIGATION BRANCH).

*Joint Secretary—*

The question that the dispensary will be established at any place within the 100 acres of the Travancore territory leased out to this Government or at any suitable site to be obtained from the Durbar under the same conditions as the rest of the

leased area has been settled, but it has not been ascertained whether the Travancore Government would be willing to pay half the cost of the upkeep of the dispensary. A draft letter to the Travancore Durbar on the subject is submitted, which, if approved, may be forwarded to Political for acceptance and issue.

B.G.R.
12-5-08.

C.A. SMITH.
14-5-08.

*To the Political Department u.o.*

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POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

*Chief Secretary—*

Submitted. The letter may be turned into an official memorandum, it not being usual to address the Resident in Travancore and Cochin by letter.

A.G.
15-5-08.

I don't feel quite satisfied about asking the Darbar to contribute. It seems undignified, "hucksterish" to say "please help us because a few of your people benefit". Do the Darbar contribute to any others of our dispensaries anywhere?

J.N.A.
15-5-08.

I am almost sure they don't; but office may make certain.

2. The papers about the Sandur dispensary may also be put up.

A.G.
16-5-08.

Submitted that the Darbar does not contribute to any British dispensary.

2. The orders regarding the dispensary at Sandur are submitted. Contribution from Provincial revenues to the dispensary were discontinued from 1st October 1907.

G.O., No. 2152, Finl., dated 26th Sep. 1883.
„ „ 483, „ „ 27th April 1892.
„ „ 179, „ „ 20th Feby. 1897.
„ „ 765, Public, „ 27th Sep. 1907.

H.W.
16-5-08.

V.S.M.
16-5-08.

A.G.
18-5-08.

*His Excellency the Governor—*

It is for the Public Works Department to decide whether a dispensary must be built, and for Financial to say whether funds can be provided. Political has only to decide on the question of asking the Travancore Durbar for a contribution. I submit that no such request should be made. If the dispensary is built, it will be in the interests of the Public Works Department employees, not of any occasional patients from Travancore. The suggestion that a contribution should be asked for is really only made in order to lessen the possible objections of the Financial Department. To ask for a contribution seems to me mean, to accept it might entail unpleasant complications, demands from Travancore to share in administrating the dispensary, annual enquiries as to whether they are getting their moneys worth and so on. The dicision of the question whether the dispensary is to be built or not should be made, I submit, irrespective of any possible contribution from Travancore.

*Cf.* the Sandúr case—G.O., No. 765, dated 27th September 1907.

J.N.A.
19-5-08.

The dispensary is to be built seemingly for the sole benefit of our Public Works officials. We cannot invite Travancore to contribute. It should be located at Thekady.

A. L[AWLEY].
20-5-08.

J.N.A.
21-5-08.

*To the Public Works Department u.o.*

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PUBLIC WORKS (IRRIGATION) DEPARTMENT.

Orders will be issued directing the construction of a dispensary and quarters for a third-class hospital assistant chargeable to the working expenses of the project.

T.W.S.S.
23-5-08.

An estimate may be called for for a small dispensary and the necessary outbuildings to be built at Thekady and a statement made out of the annual cost of upkeep.

C.A.S.
23-5-08.

*Under Secretary—*

The Superintending Engineer states that the cost of the establishment, etc., would be about Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 1,200 a year.

2. A draft order is submitted which, if approved, may be forwarded to the Public, Political and Financial Departments for acceptance before circulation to His Excellency the Governor.

S.D.
2-6-08.

It will be on Government land: there is no need for the file to go to Political Department.

T.W.S.S.
4-6-08.

C.A.S.
4-6-08.

*To the Public*
*,, Financial* } *Departments u.o.*

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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

*Under Secretary—*

The draft may be accepted in Public.

C.S.S.
5-6-08.

A G.
6-6-08.

*To the Financial u.o.*

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

*Chief Secretary*—

Executive Engineer's letter, No. 178-S.E., dated 4th March 1908.

Para 247 of Financial Memorandum for 1908–1909.

The cost of the establishment and medicines required for the dispensary will, it is reported, amount to between Rs. 1000, and Rs. 1,200. It is not known what the approximate cost of constructing the dispensary will be. The total expenditure will be debited to the working expenses of the Periyár system for which a provision of 57 lakh has been made in the final issue of the Irrigation Budget for 1908–1909 under the head 42. IRRIGATION—MAJOR WORKS—*Working Expenses*, a divided head between Imperial and Provincial. It is presumed the cost of the dispensary can be met from this provision.

A.M.
9–6–08.

C. M. SCHMIDT.
10–6–08.

Accepted.

J.N.A.
10–6–08.

*To the Public Works Department (Irrigation) u.o.*

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PUBLIC WORKS (IRRIGATION) DEPARTMENT.

*Under Secretary*—

Submitted that the draft order may now issue. As the order is based on His Excellency's note, dated 20th May 1908, it does not appear necessary to circulate it to His Excellency the Governor.

B.G.R.
12–6–08.

Issue.

T.W.S.S.
12–6–08.

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PUBLIC WORKS (IRRIGATION) DEPARTMENT.

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1st Reminder. 20. 2. 09.

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(from orders)

To

The Chief Engr for Irrgn.
" Supg. Engr VI Circle.
" Examiner P.W.Accts.
" Public Dept.
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